(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No such proposal is at present under consideration in this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of potable water in Andhra Pradesh

1393. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in each district of Andhra Pradesh where potable water has not yet been supplied;

(b) what is the number of villages proposed to be covered under the Seventh Five Year Plan in each district of the State where potable water will be supplied; and

(c) the time by when all the villages in Andhra Pradesh will be supplied potable water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Government.

Financial institutions for financing urban infrastructure development projects

1394. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are considering the establishment of a financial institution exclusively for financing the projects connected with urban infrastructure development and water supply and sanitation throughout the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These are being worked out.

Pan masala and zarda tobacco

1395. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that I.S.I. has issued its certification mark for 'pan masala' and 'zarda' tobacco;

(b) if so, what are the details of the standard; and

(c) whether the use of 'pan masala' and 'zarda' is considered hazardous for health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P SINGH DEO): (a) The I.S.I has not issued any licence for Pan Masala as there is no Indian Standard for the same. However, the I.S.I. has issued three licences for chewing tobacco, zarda.

(b) A note on the Indian Standard IS: 2344—1973 chewing tobacco, zarda flake type is given in the attached statement.

(c) The principal ingredients of pan masala are Betelnut, lime, coconut, catechu Cardamom, Saffron, aromatic spices and flavours. According to Government's present knowledge, these ingredients either singly or in combination are not likely to be harmful to human health. However, Inidan Council of Medical Research has undertaken a study of carcinogenecity